

STEP Systems and Power Outages

Is your home connected to a Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) system??

In the event of an extended power outage, remember that a STEP system will store wastewater for a few days only if water use is limited until the power is restored.

During a power outage, please:

DO NOT connect a generator to your home or the STEP system unless it has been professionally installed and inspected by the County Building Division.

DO limit your water use as your STEP system requires electricity to operate the pump and alarms. Without power, a sewer back-up could result from not limiting water use.

DO call Placer County Environmental Utilities at [\(530\) 886-4913](tel:5308864913) if:



- You see liquid coming out of the green STEP system lids or out of your sewer cleanouts.
- Any of the drains in your home are slow to drain.
- You hear an alarm or see a warning light.

For additional information about your STEP system, call [\(530\) 889-6846](tel:5308896846) during business hours.

Typical STEP system
control panel and lid

For Power Outage updates and additional
information visit www.readyplacer.org